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Application of:

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**REPLY BRIEF**

This paper is filed in response to the Examiner's answer (the "Answer") mailed on January 26, 2009.

The critical issue before the Board is whether the Takano reference discloses "calibrating at least one tunable parameter of a control system of the mount." (Application, claim 1 (emphasis added).) Applicants submit that the Takano reference includes no such disclosure. To the contrary, the Takano reference discloses tuning the viscosity of the fluid in a damper – not calibrating tunable parameters of the control system that controls the damper.

In the Answer, the Examiner has essentially admitted that the Takano reference does not disclose "calibrating at least one tunable parameter of a control system of the mount." Specifically, in the last paragraph on page 8 of the Answer, the Examiner argues that the Takano reference discloses calibrating a tunable parameter, wherein "[t]he parameter is the viscosity of

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the MR fluid, NOT the mount.” Therefore, the Examiner’s Answer confirms Applicants’ argument that the Takano reference discloses tuning the viscosity of the fluid in a damper – not calibrating tunable parameters of the control system that controls the damper.

Accordingly, the Takano reference cannot anticipate the pending claims of the present application.

Prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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